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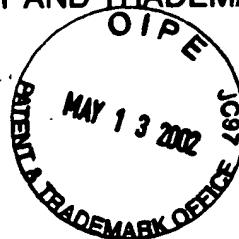
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2002, for which a two months response period expiring on April 07, 2002 was set. The extended period expires on May 07, 2002.

A check for \$ 110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one months' extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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